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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT COORDINATION ON UN FOLLOW-ON  
MISSION IN EASTERN CHAD (AND CAR)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO  
COORDINATE WITH THE FRENCH ON CHAD POLICY IN GENERAL AND ON  
PKO ISSUES IN PARTICULAR.

[1](#)2. (SBU) FROM OUR PERCH HERE, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED AS KEY OBJECTIVES OF SUCH COORDINATION REGARDING  
THE UN FOLLOW-ON FORCE (MINURCAT II) TO EUFOR:

-- CAR SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW MANDATE.

-- MINURCAT II'S "SECURITY PACKAGE" SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF  
THREE COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS: A MILITARY ELEMENT (RESEMBLING  
EUFOR); A POLICE OR GENDARME UNIT ELEMENT (FORMED POLICE  
UNITS OR THE GENDARME EQUIVALENT); AND A POLICE/GENDARME  
TRAINING ELEMENT (TO TRAIN CHADIAN POLICE AND GENDARMES.

-- THE STRICTLY MILITARY ELEMENT OF MINURCAT II'S "SECURITY  
PACKAGE" SHOULD BE LIMITED TO BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 TROOPS.  
IF THIS MEANS THAT MINURCAT II'S MILITARY STRENGTH IS LIMITED  
TO THREE (3) BATTALIONS AND DOING WITHOUT A DPKO-PROPOSED  
FOURTH "MANEUVER" BATTALION, SO BE IT. EUFOR'S TOTAL STRENGTH  
IN CHAD IS UNDER 3,200 TROOPS.

-- THE POLICE/GENDARME TRAINING ELEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO  
MINURCAT'S LARGER, POLITICAL OBJECTIVES: FIRST, IT IS THE  
ELEMENT THAT PREPARES THE CHAD SECURITY FORCE (THE INTEGRATED  
SECURITY DETACHMENTS -- DIS) THAT ACTUALLY PROTECT THE  
REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS AND THE HUMANITARIAN WORKERS AT WORK  
IN THE CAMPS. SECOND, IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL PROVIDE CHAD  
WITH A REFORMED, IMPROVED, AND PROFESSIONALIZED SECURITY  
FORCE LESS PERVERSIVE TO CORRUPTION, ABUSES, IMPUNITY, ETC.  
THIS WOULD BE A REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

-- THE MANDATE OF MINURCAT II SHOULD PERMIT THE EXPANSION OF  
THE DIS TO 1,700 OR MORE.

[1](#)3. (SBU) WE NOTE THAT THE POLICE/GENDARME TRAINING ELEMENT  
IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON THE TRUST FUND, RATHER THAN PKO  
FUNDS. THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD INFORM USG THINKING ON THE  
OVERALL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINURCAT II.  
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